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*The play was No. 2 on ESPN SportsCenter's Top-10*

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** – Georgia Southern's [Mike Hughes](#)' rare four-point play that lifted the Eagles to a 101-100 win over Appalachian State last night in the Holmes Center is making the rounds on the Internet and Twitosphere today. With the Eagles trailing by three points, Hughes was fouled taking a 35-foot 3-pointer that found the bottom of the net with 0.8 seconds left. After a delay to review the play and determine how much time was left followed by an Appalachian State timeout, the sophomore guard swished the free throw to give the Eagles the win.

"It didn't surprise me that it went in because I shoot shots like that during breaks in practice a lot," Hughes said after the game. "The foul was because he didn't let me land, and that's the way they call the game now."

"[Mike Hughes](#) is a winner," Eagle coach [Mark Byington](#) said after the game. "He is a different type of guy where he's calm and cool under pressure. I had no doubt that he was going to make the free throw. The 3-pointer was ridiculous. That was one of the crazier finishes of any college basketball game that I've ever been a part of." Hughes finished with 19 points and a career-high nine rebounds and scored nine of the Eagles' last 12 points in the game. Georgia Southern overcame an eight-point deficit with 2:36 remaining.

The game was moved from Saturday to Monday because of the winter storm that hammered the East coast over the weekend. It was one of three games the Eagles will play in a span of six days this week. Georgia Southern heads back out on the road for a Sun Belt Conference contest at first-place Little Rock Thursday. Below is some video with Eagle radio play-by-play broadcaster [Danny Reed](#)'s call as well as a huge defensive play Hughes made to keep the Eagles in the game. The video is courtesy of App State TV.

Links to stories on the four-point play.

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